

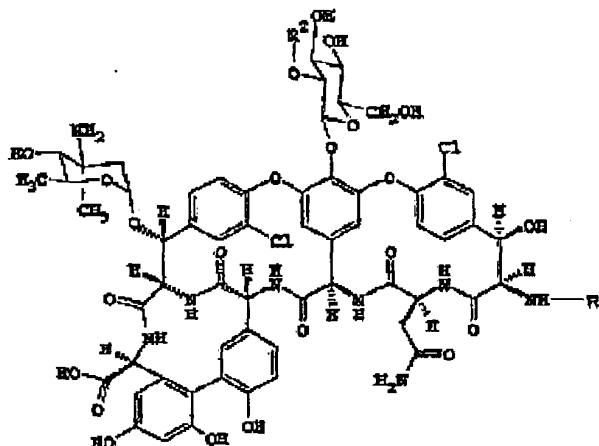
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-6. Cancelled

7. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a bacterial infection in a host comprising the step of administering to the host an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula



wherein R^1 represents

alkanoyl of C_2-C_{10} which is unsubstituted, or which is substituted by a phenyl, or which is substituted on other than the α -carbon atom by an amino or protected amino group; benzoyl or substituted benzoyl bearing one or two substituents each of which is independently halo, lower alkyl of C_1-C_4 , lower alkoxy of C_1-C_4 or phenyl;

an acyl derived from an α -amino acid or an acyl derived from a protected α -amino acid, said α -amino acid being selected from the group consisting of:

alanine,

arginine,

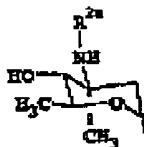
asparagine,

aspartic acid,

cysteine,
glutamic acid,
glutamine,
glycine,
histidine,
isoleucine,
leucine,
lysine,
methionine,
3-phenylalanine,
3-(p-chlorophenyl)alanine,
proline,
serine,
threonine,
tryptophan and
valine,

in either D- or L-form; or

an acyl derived from an α -amino acid as defined above which bears on the amine a
substituent which is alkyl of C_1 - C_{10} , benzyl, phenylbenzyl, or p-chlorobenzyl, with the proviso
that the acyl derived from N-methyl-D-leucine is excluded;
 R^2 represents hydrogen or an epivancosaminyl of the formula



wherein R^{2a} represents hydrogen or $-CH_2-$ R^3 and R^3 represents

hydrogen,
alkyl of C_1 - C_{10} ,
alkyl of C_1 - C_{11} - R^4 , or
 R^4 -(linker_(0 or 1)- R^4)_{0 or 1},

wherein each R^4 is independently phenyl or phenyl substituted by one or two substituents, each of which is independently halo, lower alkyl of C_1-C_8 , lower alkoxy of C_1-C_8 , lower alkylthio of C_1-C_4 , or trifluoromethyl, and "linker" is $-O-$, $-CH_2-$, or $-O-(CH_2)_n-$ wherein n is 1-3
~~a formulation of Claim 6.~~

8. (Original) A method of Claim 7 wherein the bacterial infection is attributable to a vancomycin-resistant enterococcus.

9-11. Cancelled

12. (New) The method of Claim 7, wherein R^2 is an epivancosaminyl radical wherein R^{2a} represents hydrogen.

13. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein R^2 is an epivancosaminyl radical wherein R^{2a} represents $-CH_2-R_3$.

14. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein R^3 is p-biphenyl.

15. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein R^3 is p-(chlorophenyl) phenyl.